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FOLLOWING REPEAT ALEXANDRIA 0500 ACTION SECSTATE INFO CAIRO
DATED JULY 1, 1978.

QUOTE: S E C R E T ALEXANDRIA 0500

NODIS CHEROKEE

FROM AMBASSADOR IN ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV XF US

SUBJECT: LONDON MIDDLE EAST TALKS AND RELATED MATTERS

REF: STATE 167142

1. REFTEL HAS BEEN REPEATED TO ME IN ALEXANDRIA.

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2. FONMIN KAMEL HAS HIS HANDS FULL TODAY AND
TOMORROW WITH ARAB LEAGUE MEETING IN CAIRO. HE DOES NOT
EXPECT COME TO ALEXANDRIA UNTIL MONDAY, ASSUMING AL SESSION
HAS ENDED BY THEN. HAVE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 1730
TOMORROW, SUNDAY, WITH VP MUBARAK AT DUKHAILA AIR
BASE AT WHICH I WILL SEEK OBTAIN EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO

EARLY APPROACH BY US TO JORDANIANS AND SAUDIS. WILL
INFORM AMBASSADOR WEST AND CHARGE SUDDARTH SOON AS I
HAVE CLEARANCE.

3. RE PARA 3 REFTTEL, I HAVE NOT SPOKEN TO KAMEL ABOUT
HIS PRESS STATEMENT, BUT I RECOMMEND WE NOT TAKE TOO
LITERALLY WHAT HE SAYS TO PRESS THESE DAYS. IF
ISRAELIS DO NOT REJECT EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL OUTRIGHT,
THIS WOULD BE ALL TO THE GOOD. IT WOULD ENCOURAGE
KAMEL TO APPROACH THE LONDON MEETING IN MORE POSITIVE
FRAME OF MIND THAN IS CURRENTLY THE CASE. I WILL
RECONFIRM THIS WITH KAMEL THE NEXT TIME I SEE HIM,
BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD ALONG LINES
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REGARDLESS OF ISRAELI REACTION TO
EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL.

4. PROPOSED SEQUENCE OF ACTIONS BEGINNING WITH TRANS-
MISSION TO ISRAELIS ON JULY 3 OF EGYPTIAN COUNTER-
PROPOSAL, IS CONSISTENT WITH KAMEL'S THINKING WITH ONE
POSSIBLE EXCEPTION. KAMEL HAD EARLIER TOLD ME THAT
GOE WILL WANT "DAY OR SO" AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER'S
INVITATION IS RECEIVED BEFORE IT GIVES ITS REPLY.
EGYPTIANS DO NOT WISH TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE
WAITING WITH BATED BREATH TO GO TO SUCH A MEETING,
HENCE THEIR DESIRE WAIT A DAY OR TWO BEFORE REPLYING.
OUR ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD CLEARLY NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER
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EGYPTIAN REPLY IS RECEIVED. THIS MIGHT BE JULY 9 OR 10,
WITH ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD.

5. I WILL CHECK WITH KAMEL AS SOON AS I CAN WHETHER
EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL IN CAIRO 15183 IF FINAL TEXT. FROM
MY RECENT TALKS WITH KAMEL, THERE IS NO RPT NO
SUGGESTION THAT EGYPTIANS ARE PLANNING ADDITIONS.

6. DEPARTMENT PASS JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV, AMMAN, JIDDA.
HAVE RECEIVED STATE 167916, BUT INSTRUCTIONS CON-
TAINED THEREIN DO NOT APPEAR APPLICABLE TO THIS
MESSAGE SINCE IT IS REPLYING TO A CHEROKEE COMMUNI-
CATION (REFTEL). IT WOULD FACILITATE LATERAL TRANS-
MISSION IF INSTRUCTIONS SUCH AS THOSE CONTAINED REFTTEL
WERE SENT AS NODIS. MCCLELLAND UNQUOTE VANCE

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